



Welcoming remarks by

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Celebration of Dombra Day

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Dear Ambassadors,
Dear friends,

I would like to begin by thanking His Excellency Mr Askar Abdrakhmanov, Ambassador and Permanent Delegate of Kazakhstan to UNESCO, for his kind invitation to attend this cultural event and to say a few words on this occasion.

Today we come together to celebrate Dombra Day, a tribute to one of the most iconic symbols of Kazakh culture and heritage, on the anniversary of the inscription of the tradition of ***dombra kuy***

Perhaps the most effective words that describes the importance of this instrument for the people and nation of Kazakhstan are those of a famous saying by Kazakh
A real Kazakh is not a Kazakh, a real Kazakh is a dombra

Once again, I thank and congratulate the Permanent Delegation of